

Shavout News

Shavuot Plans

By Daniel Kodmur,
for the Ritual Committee



Remember staying up all night, cramming for that one exam you were convinced was the most important test you would ever

have to take? Well, both Judaism and CSZ have taught us to reclaim negative experiences and transform them into positive ones. For hundreds of years in even the smallest Jewish communities, it has been traditional to gather in the synagogue on Shavuot to study, learn, discuss and argue. On these evenings, all-night study has not been a matter of fear and panic, but rather of joy and elation. To strengthen this happy tradition, this rejoicing in the giving of the Torah, CSZ will be holding its second all-night Shavuot Study Session on June 9.

The two nights of Shavuot actually begin on Thursday evening, June 8. We will be having a festival service at the synagogue that night, but our fun and healthy all-nighter will begin on Friday, June 9, the second night of

So mark it down on
your calendars!

Thursday, June 8

Shavuot Service

Friday Evening, June 9-
Saturday Morning, June 10

All Night Study Session.

Shavuot, after our regular Shabbat oneg to allow more people to attend.

If you'd like to help plan or teach this session, contact the Ritual Committee through the office. If you don't feel up to teaching, perhaps you could be in charge of snacks [blintzes? cheesecake?] or sleeping bags. Whatever you decide to do, we hope you can join the CSZ family in a unique exploration of Jewish knowledge. The best part is that there's no exam afterwards, only Shabbat.

Special Note:

Rabbi Dorothy A. Richman will be joining us for this special study session. This is the last opportunity we will have to be with and thank Rabbi Richman for her many contributions to CSZ before she leaves our congregation.

Important Date Changes

1. Mechanics of Prayer II

taught by Rabbi Dorothy A. Richman, will take place on the first three Tuesdays of May - 2, 9 and 10 at 7:30 pm - rather than the first three Wednesdays. Please RSVP to the office (861-6931).

2. Great Books

taught this month by Rabbi Dorothy A. Richman, has been moved from May 16 to Wednesday, May 31 at 7:30 pm.

CSZ 101 Fattens, Fascinates

by Joe Hample

CSZ's first-ever orientation class for new members (and bewildered long-time members) was held on the five Thursday evenings of March. Topics were:

- ◆ Who We Are
- ◆ How We Got Here
- ◆ CSZ Melodies
- ◆ CSZ Liturgy
- ◆ Where We're Going

Each session included several presenters, eight to ten participants and a sumptuous vegetarian dinner. Discussion frequently strayed from the agenda, but new friendships were made and the food got eaten. Everyone left with a clearer idea of what makes this community special.

Thanks to all who made the class possible, especially Allan Berenstein, Nicole Bloom, Diana Buchbinder, Daniel Chesir, Paul Cohen, David Gellman, Allan Gold, Joan Goldman, Sara Haber, Trudi Hauptman, Brian Jersky, Danny Kodmur, Robin Leonard, Laura Lowe, Ora Prochovnick, Mike Rankin, Rabbi Dorothy A. Richman, Lea Salem, Liz Schaffer, Susan Unger and Ami Zusman. If your name has been omitted, please accept my apologies.

Joan Goldman and Ruth Rainero recorded a beautiful tape of our Friday night songs for CSZ 101. The tape is available in the gift shop for \$5.

Song Swap

Join members of the Ritual Committee and friends to learn new melodies for old prayers. We meet the first Saturday of each month at 3 pm. For more information, call the CSZ office.

Save the Date

Congregational Annual Meeting

Sunday, May 21st, at 3 pm



David Gellman

I am so proud! On March 29, the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR) passed a resolution on same-gender officiation, resolving "that the relationship of a Jewish, same-gender couple is worthy of affirmation through appropriate Jewish ritual." The resolution also gives a mandate for the development of educational and liturgical resources for same-gender ceremonies, with the understanding that the next edition of the Rabbi's Manual will include an example of such a ceremony among the various wedding options printed therein.

I am proud that this immensely important and public decision by the rabbinate of the Reform Movement stands as a courageous example to Conservative and Orthodox Jews, in the diaspora and in Israel, as well as to the clergy of nearly every other religion, of the victory of morality, principles and justice over expediency and bigotry.

I am proud that this milestone is the culmination of years of hard work by leaders of the Reform Movement, inspired by, and often including in their ranks, members of our own congregation. This is the Reform Movement which has publicly opposed discrimination against gay men and lesbians since 1977; which resolved in 1987 that sexual orientation would not be a consideration for membership in, or participation in the activities of, any member congregation; which ordains out and proud gay and lesbian rabbis, and which supports the rights of same-gender couples to civil marriage and equal treatment under the law.

This is the Reform Movement whose Committee on Social Action adopted a resolution last October, supporting litigation against the anti-gay policies of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), urged member congregations to sponsor Boy and Cub Scout troops only after the BSA eliminates its discriminatory policy, and urged individual

members to withdraw donations to the BSA until such time. This is the Reform Movement whose National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods recently resolved to urge its members that currently sponsor Boy and Cub Scout troops to convey to the BSA "the evils of all forms of discrimination, including that based on sexual orientation and to encourage the Boy Scouts of America to end its discriminatory policy."

This is the Reform Movement of which Sha'ar Zahav is a member. We at Sha'ar Zahav support the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC) and the CCAR through our membership dues, through the efforts

of our members who serve on the UAHC's regional and national boards and committees, and through the dedication of those members who attend its seminars to become rabbis and cantors.

I am proud that the Reform Movement, with its renewed focus on prayer, music and spirituality, continues to carry on its tradition of social justice. It is true that these recent developments are only a beginning, and that there will be years of work ahead before prejudice and intolerance finally end. But Jews are a people of beginnings - we read "Bereshith/In the Beginning" every year - and we will be equal to the task.

A New Sha'Ar Zahav Tradition?

by Nancy Silverrod and Rachel Maclachlan

On Sunday, April 2, Sha'ar Zahav held a successful and fascinating inter-generational discussion about sexual orientation, gender identity and community. Originally cooked up (at her kitchen table) by Rose Katz who felt a need for more inter-generational dialogue in the congregation, the event was planned and facilitated by Rose, Stacey Hart and Riley Morgan, with lots of help from Dahlia Gross, CSZ Program Director.

Approximately 30 people attended, ranging in age from the early twenties to the late fifties or so (although the over-40 crowd was a bit under-represented). Discussion focused on how age/generation informs our sexual and gender identities, and how we

can better understand each other as we grow as a congregation. The tenor of the dialogue was frank, friendly, often humorous and, at times, emotional.

The event was such a success that participants uniformly agreed that further inter-generational dialogues are a must, and a second dialogue is scheduled for Sunday, June 11, as a warm-up for Pride weekend. Possible topics for the next session include our relationship to Judaism as it varies between generations, more on identity politics and finding models of gender fluidity within Judaism. Those interested in helping facilitate future dialogues can get in touch with Dahlia Gross at 575-4961.

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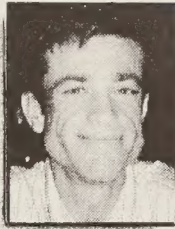
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Gene B. Kaufman, Executive Director

Paul Brian Nemrow

May 8, 1961 - March 23, 2000

It is with sadness that we announce that CSZ member Paul Brian Nemrow, MD, passed away on March 23. He is survived by his spouse Jeffrey Forman, his parents Florence and Irving, brother Barry, sister-in-law Karen and their children Devra, Jordan and Jamie.



Paul had been a member of the synagogue since 1991. He and Jeff joined to have their kiddushin in the building on Danvers Street in 1992.

A Brooklyn native, Paul attended medical school at the University of South Florida in Tampa. He wanted to do his internship and residency in a warm climate rather than to return to the cold New York winters of his youth but a friend advised him to try Manhattan as an adult. He became an intern at Beth Israel Hospital and a resident at Mt. Sinai Hospital. It was there that he met Jeff in 1989. They were introduced on a blind date by a straight man who barely knew either of them, but just had a feeling they might hit it off. Their happiness was obvious to all who knew them. Their relationship inspired others at Sha'ar Zahav to go forward with plans to marry and was held as a role model of love to many who knew them.

Paul was Rehabilitation Medical Director of St. Francis Memorial Hospital.

He was a champion of alternative medicine and practiced medical acupuncture to treat pain and paralysis. Colleagues praised him for his patience and dedication as a primary care physician to people with disabilities.

Paul was known for his smile and his child-like laugh. He loved to laugh and have fun, and volunteered for child care during the high holidays, making toddlers who were tired and cranky laugh by playing with them on the floor as one of them.

All who knew him will miss him for his kindness, generosity and the smile that lit up his face and the lives of those around him.

Between Sodom and Eden: A Gay Journey Through Today's Changing Israel

On May 11 at 7 pm, Congregation Sha'ar Zahav will be host to Lee Welzer, author of the first book to thoroughly examine Israeli society's changing attitudes toward homosexuality. In order to write this book, Mr. Welzer interviewed over 100 Israelis and Palestinians from all walks of life. The book looks at lesbian and gay political strategy, coming out, Judaism and homosexuality, the military, lesbian and gay culture, same-sex families, gay life on the kibbutz and the place of gay Palestinians in Israeli society.

Lee Welzer has served as Vice President of the World Congress of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Jewish Organizations, as well as on the board of Bet Mishpacha in Washington, DC. He is an attorney by profession and has previously written about gay life in Israel for American Jewish and gay publications.

Books will be available at CSZ Fridays before services.

This program is co-sponsored by CSZ, Congregation Emanu-El and A Different Light Bookstore. Cost is \$5 at the door. Refreshments will be provided.

CSZ Wants You: Mentors Needed

It's finally arrived...the launch of CSZ's new B'nai Mitzvah Mentorship Program. Our synagogue is fortunate enough to have a booming youth population, which means more B'nai Mitzvot than ever before. CSZ traditionally pairs each of our students with an adult member of the congregation who serves as a mentor by helping the students with their preparations and by being a friend to them during their difficult process. Soon we will have more students than mentors. CSZ is offering free workshops to assist people interested in becoming mentors to develop the necessary skills. We will then match you with a student based on similar interests and set you to work together.

The workshop calendar is as follows:

- ▶ Tuesday, May 30, 7 - 8:30 pm *Reading Hebrew*
- ▶ Tuesday, June 6, 7 - 8:30 pm *Torah 101*
- ▶ Tuesday, June 13, 7 - 8:30 pm *Navigating through the Siddur*
- ▶ Tuesday, June 20, 7 - 8:30 pm *Working with Youth*
- ▶ Tuesday, June 27, 7 - 8:30 pm *The Mentor Experience*

To be a B'nai Mitzvah mentor, you must be willing to commit 1-2 hours each week to work with your student, in addition to attending all of the training sessions. If you are interested in becoming a mentor, please contact Elise Fineberg at 861-6932 or at boleyn2@earthlink.net.

Reform Community Shabbat

CSZ has long been affiliated with Judaism's Reform Movement. The Reform Movement is made up of several institutions, including the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC), the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR) and Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR). The Reform Movement has often publically

supported gay and lesbian people; most recently, of course, with CCAR's resolution recognizing that same-sex relationships are worthy of affirmation.

On June 16, you have the opportunity to celebrate Shabbat with other Reform Jews from our UAHC region. The service will be at 8 pm, at Congrega-

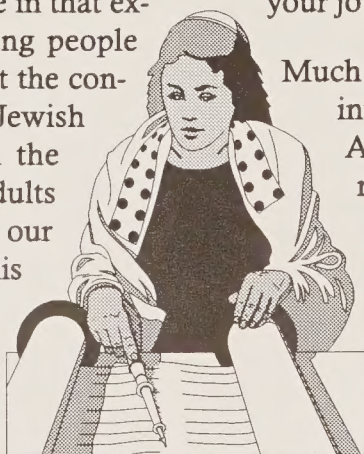
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Adult B'nai Mitzvah

CSZ's Adult B'nai Mitzvah Program is designed as an opportunity for CSZ adults who have never become Bar or Bat Mitzvah to participate in that experience. While our young people come to this experience at the conclusion of a childhood Jewish education program with the intention of becoming adults in the Jewish community, our adult members come to this experience from a range of backgrounds with a range of intentions and goals. This program is intended to shape the B'nai Mitzvah experience at CSZ and to help participants prepare for their Bar or Bat Mitzvah. The program is also designed to be flexible so that each individual adult can enter the process in a way that is meaningful to her/him and gives each freedom to make this process her/his own.

Preparing for and having a Bar or Bat Mitzvah is an extraordinary opportunity to deepen your Jewish knowledge, encourage your spiritual growth,

and enhance your connectedness to the Jewish people. We as a community look forward to supporting you on your journey.



Much time and effort has gone into the preparation of the Adult B'nai Mitzvah curriculum. Although the drafts have changed many times, Phyllis Mintzer laid a strong foundation in previous years. In addition, CSZ member Sue Bojdak made it her goal to

develop a finely thought-out program that would accommodate all CSZ members who choose to partake in this journey. Finally, thank you to Rabbi Dorothy A. Richman who spent so much time working with Sue to make this happen. If this speaks to you, we welcome you to begin the journey.

To obtain the CSZ Adult B'nai Mitzvah literature, or for any questions, please call Dahlia Gross, CSZ Program Director at 575-4961.

Social Action/Tikkun Olam

Toiletry Collection

The CSZ Social Action Committee thanks all of you who have contributed to the over 1000 bags of toiletries we have now been able to donate to shelters such as Dolores Street and Promise. Most recently, Kadimah classes participated in assembling bags to be taken to La Casa de Las Madres. Thanks Kadimah! Todah rabah also to Social Action co-chair Allan Berenstein and his inexhaustible dedication to healing the world, to Melanie Kushnir, Sarita Groisser and Dahlia Gross.

Tenderloin Lunch

It's difficult for some of us to imagine going hungry, but for many elderly people in San Francisco, this is a daily reality. Thanks to organizations such as Jewish Family and Children's Services (JFCS), there is a group of Jewish elders who gather once a month for a Sabbath meal, and as importantly, a tremendous amount of love. Debbi Goodman of JFCS organizes this monthly mitzvah and CSZ had the honor during Rosh Hashanah and Purim of sponsoring and participating in the program. Often, a very special bond develops between the seniors and the volunteers as is plainly seen when Allan Berenstein, Social Action co-chair, arrives monthly to help.

A very special thank you must go out to Church Street Flowers who make it possible for the seniors to leave not only with full stomachs but also with a bouquet of yellow flowers each, over 400 in total. Thanks Michael! Thank you also to Noe Valley Bakery for their sweet donation and to House of Bagels for a generous discount on some very good hamentashen. And of course, without our volunteers this event could not happen - Randall Weiss, Ralph Lockwood, Brian Gordon, Gail Ludwig, Eva Konigsberg, Florence and Steve Nacamulli, Rabbi Dorothy A. Richman, Allan Berenstein and Dahlia Gross.

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Va'ad Minutes

Robin Leonard gave the drash on Parashat Vayikra, which begins the book of Leviticus and focuses on all kinds of offerings. Robin painted the picture of our ancient offerings as bloody and gross, in contrast to the Torah's description of our elaborately decorated, ornate Mishkan, suggesting that the Mishkan must be lived in to be a true spiritual home. Likewise with our own Mishkan, we continue to struggle to live in it, with our own messy issues of space shortage and incomplete projects, bringing our offerings of worship and community and thereby making it our spiritual home.

Community guests Yolanda and Dori came to present the Mission Resource Center, which will provide a range of services (including showers, storage, medical care, case management and more) to homeless people and those at risk of homelessness living in the North Mission community. At this time the program coordinators are continuing to seek a site and the City of San Francisco is seeking a provider to offer the services once the program opens. CSZ will become an official sponsor of the project.

David Shneer presented the Children's Education Report. Currently, all of the Kadimah teachers are looking forward to continuing with CSZ next year, which is extraordinary. There was an event to honor teachers on April 1. Elise will begin the B'nai Mitzvah Mentor Training in May or June. The Kadimah community appreciated the early start time for the Purim celebration. Planning is also under way for Havdallah Under the Stars, which will be synagogue-wide and kid oriented. Kadimah is currently responding to its limited space issue by exploring using the Oneg room as a multi-purpose room. Currently the Rabbi's office is being used as a classroom and there is an expectation that an additional class will be added in the fall. The CEB is looking for direction from the Va'ad on how to proceed with this space concern.

James Carlson presented the first reading of the 2000-01 budget. The possibility of increasing Kadimah tuition was put on the table. We need to make a study of our current pricing compared to other Hebrew Schools and to bear in mind that an increase also means a necessary increase in the scholarship fund. As tuition has not changed in three years, the CEB will explore the possibility of an increase. Pre-Kadimah tuition is also a possible source of revenue. It was agreed that we shall take "baby steps" in this area.

The central issue of too high expenses with too little revenue was raised. Currently the budget shows a \$40,000 deficit. One idea for balancing was re-instituting a Ma'ayan Campaign, though that would not put money into the General Fund. Another was to use the prayerbook drive as a general fundraiser, though that may not be timely. (The Fundraising Committee will be addressing this as a one-time event.) The Revenue Task Force will be looking at on-going revenue ideas for balancing the budget, including fundraising and exploring a building assessment increase. There was a question about belt-tightening. Most of our overhead costs are fixed and we don't want to cut programming. It was suggested that we need to be clear about what it costs to have the kind of synagogue we want and explore our congregational relationship to money in that light. It was also suggested that we be honest with people about our current financial situation and have one or two fund-raisers to respond to it, staying focused on the big picture, rather than raising revenues piecemeal.

Lea Salem delivered the Administrator's Report. Meagan from our support staff will be leaving at the end of the month. The Va'ad thanked her and wishes her well. Lea reminded us that on any given Friday night 20-30% of people present are non-members. She requested that we pitch membership in announcements and really focus on outreach and welcoming.

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May/June - Nissan/Iyyar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
	1 26 Nissan	2 27 Nissan	3
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2-3 pm - Healing Service • 6:30 pm - Children's Education Board • 7:30 pm - Community Yom HaShoah observance at Congregation Emanu-El 	Yom HaShoah • 7-9 pm - Mechanics of Prayer II led by <i>Rabbi Richman</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 pm - Kadim • 7 pm - JGF Ed
7 2 Iyyar	8 3 Iyyar	9 4 Iyyar	10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30 am - Baby brunch • 7 pm - Newsletter layout 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7-9 pm - Children's Education Board • 6:30 pm - Va'ad Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7-9 pm - Mechanics of Prayer II led by <i>Rabbi Richman</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 pm - Kadim
14 9 Iyyar	15 10 Iyyar	16 11 Iyyar	17
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7-9 pm - Membership Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7-9 pm - Mechanics of Prayer II led by <i>Rabbi Richman</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 pm - Kadim
21 16 Iyyar	22 17 Iyyar	23 18 Iyyar	24
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 pm - Congregation Meeting 		Lag Ba'Omer	
28 23 Iyyar	29 24 Iyyar	30 25 Iyyar	31
	Memorial Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7-8:30 pm - B'nai Mitzvah Mentorship Class 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7-9:30 pm - Gr lec

Please note that dates, times and locations sometimes get changed after the *Forward* is published. Call the office if you need updates.

JUNE DEADLINE MONDAY, MAY 1

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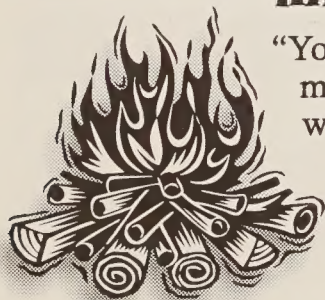
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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SHABBAT
28 Nissan	4 29 Nissan	5 30 Nissan	6 Shabbat Kedoshim 1 Iyyar
Hebrew Class		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:46 pm - Candle Lighting • 7 pm - New Siddur Discussion • 8:15 pm - Shabbat Services led by <i>Tiela Chalmers and Ora Prochovnick</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:15 am - Torah Study • 9:30 am - Kadimah Class • 10 am - Shabbat Services • 1-2:15 pm - Meditation Chavurah • 3 pm - Song Swap
5 Iyyar	11 6 Iyyar	12 7 Iyyar	13 Shabbat Emor 8 Iyyar
Hebrew Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 pm - Israeli Independence Day speaker <i>Lee Welzer</i>, author of <i>Between Sodom and Eden</i> Co-sponsored with Congregation Emanu-El 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:53 pm - Candle Lighting • 8:15 pm - Shabbat Services led by <i>Mark Gershman and Sarita Groisser</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ron Wilmot Bike Ride • 9:15 am - Torah Study • 9:30 am - Kadimah Class • 10 am - Shabbat Services led by <i>Rabbi Richman</i> • 1-2:15 pm - Meditation Chavurah
12 Iyyar	18 13 Iyyar	19 14 Iyyar	20 Shabbat Behar 15 Iyyar
Hebrew Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30 pm - Ritual Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:59 pm - Candle Lighting • 8:15 pm - Shabbat Services led by <i>Mike Rankin and Michael Sarid</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:15 am - Torah Study • 9:30 am - Kadimah Class (last day) • 10 am - Shabbat Services • 10:30 am - Kadimah and Tot Shabbat picnic • 1-2:15 pm - Meditation Chavurah
19 Iyyar	25 20 Iyyar	26 21 Iyyar	27 Shabbat Bechnkotai 22 Iyyar
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:04 pm - Candle Lighting • 8:15 pm - Shabbat Services led by <i>Eileen Levy and Daniel Chesir</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:15 am - Torah Study • 10 am - Shabbat Services • 1-2:15 pm - Meditation Chavurah
26 Iyyar	1 27 Iyyar	2 28 Iyyar	3 Shabbat Kedoshim 29 Iyyar
Books Rabbi Richman		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:09 pm - Candle Lighting • 8:15 pm - Shabbat Services led by <i>Sarita Groisser and Ruth Schoenbach</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:15 am - Torah Study • 9:30 am - Kadimah Class • 10 am - Shabbat Services led by <i>Leslie Kane and Rabbi Richman</i> • 1-2:15 pm - Meditation Chavurah • 3 pm - Song Swap

information.

HAPPY LAG BA'OMER



"You shall count for yourself from the morrow of the Sabbath, from the day when you bring the omer for the offering, seven complete Sabbaths shall there be, until the morrow of the seventh Sabbath, you shall count fifty days."
(Leviticus 23:15-16)

East Bay Services

May 19, 8:15 pm

At the home of David Shneer and Gregg Drinkwater
645 B Fairmont Ave.
Oakland Ca. 94611

For directions call David at the CSZ office (575-4962)

Va'ad Minutes

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David Gellman delivered the President's Report beginning with the Va'ad's appreciation to Joe Hample for CSZ 101, to Randy Weiss for Music in the Mishkan and to Sarita Groisser for her service on the Va'ad. We are still seeking Dues Committee members. David announced the tentative composition of the Revenue Task Force.

Diana Buchbinder took up the presentation of the Rabbi Search process. A letter regarding upcoming rabbi candidate visits was sent to all congregants, offering the congregation an opportunity to meet candidates at this stage. There was some anxiety and extensive discussion regarding the time crunch and the limited opportunity to make the most thorough assessment possible. There was also concern that the congregation get very clear information about how this part of the process works, what their role is and what the hurry is all about, in addition to getting as much opportunity as possible to meet the candidates and give input. Finally, James Carlson was appointed to the Va'ad to complete the term of Sarita Groisser.

Lea Salem presented the Program Director's Report highlighting the Congregational Seder, Sukkot in April, Purim lunch, and Rabbi Richman's class on Purim. A lot of new members helped to make this year's Purim events happen.

Ami Zusman gave the Membership Report. Thanks to everyone who helped in CSZ 101.

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Pinat Yeladim Children's Corner



Tot Shabbat

Tot Shabbat is a CSZ group for kids 3-5 years old, their families and friends. Our time together includes a brief age-appropriate service, arts and crafts, storytelling and snacks. To get on our mailing list, please call Tot Shabbat Chair, Deena Lahn (584-8903) or CSZ Program Director Dahlia Gross (575-4961).

► **Saturday May 20, 10:30 am**

Lag Ba'Omer picnic celebration with Kadimah,
meet at Dolores Park, Dolores between 18th and 20th St.

► **Saturday, June 24, 10:30 am at CSZ**

Pride Parade Craft Project.

Kadimah-led Shabbat Services

CSZ's annual Kadimah-led Shabbat Shacharit Services will be held on Saturday, May 6, at 10 am. Come and show your support for the synagogue's children. We will have different classes leading different parts of the service and former students reading Torah. A special oneg sponsored by the Kane-Fishman family will follow.

Closing Day Lag Ba'Omer Picnic

The 33rd day of the Omer (the 7-week period between Pesach and Shavuot) is a day set aside for celebration, for us to take a pause from the contemplative Omer period. We will be celebrating Lag (33rd) Ba'Omer by having a closing day picnic in Dolores Park, Saturday May 20, from 10:30 until 1 pm. Each class will spend the first 45 minutes on its own doing closing activities with families. We will then have singing and Israeli dancing led by Shirley Burr. Everyone is invited to join Kadimah at Dolores Park to celebrate Lag Ba'Omer following Shabbat Shacharit services.

Bakayitz: Summer Hebrew Program

Don't you hate how much Hebrew you forget as soon as class is over? This summer Kadimah will be kicking off its first annual summer monthly Hebrew program to make sure we all remember something when the fall rolls around. Details of the program are still in the making, but if you and your family are going to be home this summer, be sure to look in the next *Forward* for details about this great program.

Baby Brunch at CSZ

Join CSZ babies and their families and friends on Sunday, May 7, at 10 am for a morning of shmoozing, eating, singing and playing. For more information, please call Dahlia at 575-4961.

Here's what's going on in May:

Wednesday

5/3 Regular Kadimah
5/10 Regular Kadimah
5/17 Closing day

Saturday

5/6 Regular Kadimah
5/13 Regular Kadimah
5/20 Closing day

Reform Community Shabbat

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ation Sherith Israel, 2266 California Street at Webster in San Francisco. The service will feature a creative Shabbat liturgy led by Reform Rabbis Michael Barenbaum, Alan Berg, Ari Cartun, Steven Chester, Helen T. Cohn, Evan Goodman, Stephen Kahn, Jay Miller, Gerald Raikin, Martin Weiner, Gregory Wolfe, Bridget Wynne and Josh Davis Zweiback, and Reform Cantors Roslyn Barak, Devorah Felder-Levy, Martin Feldman, Ilene Keys, David Margules and Stephen Richards.

The service will be interpreted in American Sign Language by E.J. Cohen.

The sermon, entitled "Lift Up Your Heads: Visions of Western Reform Judaism in the 21st Century," will be delivered by Rabbi Sheldon Zimmerman, President of HUC-JIR.

For more information, contact the UAHC Pacific Central West Council office at 392-7080 x 20 or toll free at 888-756-8242.

Interfaith Benefit Concert Of Sacred Music

On Sunday, May 7 at 2 pm, CSZ's own Rabbinic Counselor and Consultant, Rabbi Dorothy A. Richman will be singing traditional and contemporary Jewish music in a concert featuring sacred music of several faiths. Monks from the San Francisco Zen Center will chant, and music from the African-American church and Hindu tradition will also be presented. The event is a benefit for SafeHouse, a two-year residential program with intensive support systems for women who wish to leave prostitution. The concert will take place at Mercy High School (across from Stonestown), with tickets at \$25.

Come contribute to a good cause and clap to some heavenly songs!

For more information, and to order tickets, please call the CSZ office.

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are invited to obtain his or her number from the synagogue office.*

Bikkur Cholim: If you or a friend who is a member of Sha'ar Zahav is ill in the hospital or at home, and would like to have a member of the Bikkur Cholim Committee call or visit, please notify the synagogue office.

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Trip to Israel

Sha'ar Zahav will join with the Gay and Lesbian Task Force of the Jewish Community Federation in a return trip to Israel. The trip will be from April 18 through April 29, 2001 (including Israel's Memorial and Independence Day holidays). There will also be an optional 3-day add-on that will include Petra, Jordan.

The approximate total cost of the trip (excluding the 3-day add-on) will be \$2,900. The trip is open to all members of CSZ and others in our community. It will be a wonderful way for both first-timers and veterans to experience Israel.

If you'd like to be involved in the planning of this trip or have questions, please contact Ron Lezell 626-5748. Further details will appear in upcoming *Forwards*.

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Purim Plays to a Packed House at CSZ

"CSZ Goes to Hollywood: The Story of 2 Queens" played to a full house at this year's Purim Celebration. In a repeat performance, Daniel Chesir and Brian Besser read from the megillah while the congregation, bedecked in the finest costumes, hooted and hollered at the very mention of the evil man's name. Throughout the performance, the somewhat serious nature of the service was interrupted by four merry-making, Hollywood-style shticks, hosted by Marc Wernick.

During the "family hour," young children paraded across the bimah in the Junior Ms./Mr. Persia contest. That was followed immediately by the Mr./Ms. Persia contest featuring the Hamantashen Kids, Queen Esther, the Yeshiva Buchers and a special guest appearance by Bat Mitzvah. King

Ahasuerus then selected his new marvelous queen in "The Dating Game." And finally, Mordechai's family squared off against Haman's clan in Family Feud.



Megillah readers Daniel Chesir & Brian Besser

Following the skits and megillah reading, the packed house danced to the delightful music of the klezmer band, Gay Iz Mir. Since it is a Purim tradition to drink until you do not know the difference between Haman and Mordechai, the congregants also partook of liquid refreshments and yummy desserts.

CSZ would like to thank the sponsors

who donated prizes and food to the synagogue for the event: Carta, HomeChef, A Different Light Bookstore, Plant'It Earth, Books Inc, Noe Valley Bakery, Critter Fritters, Starbucks's Coffee, Sweet Inspiration, Flax, and Church St. Flowers. Please show your appreciation by patronizing these vendors and acknowledging their support of the shul.

CSZ would also like to thank the many folks who helped with the event. A special Academy Award for Best Costumes goes to Sarah Goodman, who provided trunks full of great garb. The Award for Best Stage Design goes to Mike Bromberg for the colorful signage. The evening would not have been possible without the help from Lisa Ochs, Norma Fainick, Jeff Sherman, Lonnie Weiss, Alan Gordon, Judith Klain and her cute kids. Rachel Field, Lele Diamond, Bernard Schetzer, Jim Frazin, Ron Edelman and Rebecca Goldfader. Of course, a special bouquet of roses to the office staff, Dahlia, Melanie, David, Max and Lea, for their help in pulling together a first-class event.

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Why Is This New Member Different From All Others?

By Marc Wernick

Many of us are searching for deepened spirituality, more time for personal relationships and a sense of community, including new CSZ member Geri Kahn. "I figured it was time to join. I felt a lack of spirituality in my life and since I was working a lot, I was not meeting people", commented Geri. She chose Sha'ar Zahav because. "I was impressed with the community. People knew each other. The lay participation made it special," Geri was also drawn in by the new prayer book, commenting on the gender-neutral language, the mixture of sources and the political and social themes woven into the liturgy.

Following up on the spiritual theme Geri alludes to, *The Forward* asked her the following four questions based on *If... :questions for the Soul* by Evelyn McFarlane and James Saywell.

1. If God were to grant you one favor, what would you ask?

"I would like to understand human nature better," replied Geri. As an immigration lawyer, she sees people from all walks of life. "I'd like to understand why some people are kind and generous and why others are evil in the face of tragedy. I am puzzled by why the people who are the most generous are often the most destitute and why people who are the most difficult are often the most educated and most wealthy," she explained.

2. If you were to name a person in your life who has been a spiritual lighthouse, your personal rabbi, who would he/she be?

"My life really lacks that right now,"

commented Geri, "that is why I joined CSZ." Her personal rabbi would be someone who combines understanding of the realities of day-to-day life with the spiritual.

3. If you could have witnessed one biblical event, which would it be?

"Crossing the Red Sea!" exclaimed Geri. "It was a huge event. The number of people. The organization that was required. And it was not just a 5-minute spectacle; it probably took hours. I wonder how it all got done."

4. If you were to choose three things that you value most in Judaism, what would you say?

Geri's list includes Israel, Shabbat and a personal relationship with HaShem. "Israel is the homeland to the Jewish people. The Shabbat is a time to reflect and begin again. And, unlike other religions, Judaism allows the individual to have a direct relationship with God, without an intermediary," she explained.

Please join me in welcoming Geri to CSZ. We hope that CSZ becomes one of the things that she values most in her quest for deepened spirituality and a sense of community.

Condolences

Jeff Forman on the death of his partner, Paul Nemrow.

Lisa Hamburger on the death of her friend, Bill Greiff.



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- 2 Rena Frantz
- 3 Sean Hornby-Finch
Julie Stahl
Miriam Trentman
- 4 Eileen Dunn
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- 5 Colette Patt
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- 6 Aaron Buchbinder
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Alison Scott
- 8 Shelley Samuels
- 9 Anya Nathanson-Tell
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To **Nicole Bloom and Susan Swigart** on their wedding.

To **Judith Holiber and Kim Warsaw** on the birth of their son, Jacob Peter Warsaw.

To **Mike Zimmerman** on the birth of his grandson, Jared Adam Zimmerman.

To **Donald Abrams** for receiving the Heroes in Medicine Award from the International Association of Physicians in AIDS Care for being a pioneer in formulating the initial U.S. and international responses to the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

To **Robert Tat** for curating "Long Exposures: Jewish Life and History through Snapshots of Bay Area Families," on view at the Jewish Community Library, 639-14th Avenue at Balboa, San Francisco through June 29.

Oneg & Flower Sponsorship

These generous people sponsored the Oneg Shabbat and/or flowers in recent weeks:

3/10 Oneg by **Paul Cohen and Bob Gutterman** in loving memory of Paul's father, Joseph M. Cohen

3/24 Flowers by **John Atteridg**

3/31 Flowers by **Laura Lowe** in honor of the congregation

4/1 Oneg by **Leslie Kane, Manny Fishman and Shmulik Fishman** in honor of our teachers and educators

4/7 Oneg by **Susan Lubeck and Richard Weiner** in honor of their aufruf and commitment ceremony

4/28 Flowers by **Pat and Russ Swigart** and Oneg by **Judy and Jordan Bloom** and friends in honor of Nicole Bloom and Susan Swigart's aufruf and wedding

Special thanks to **David Maltz**, who is generously sponsoring flowers for one service a month through the calendar year.

New Members

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that our congregation gained new members this month. A warm welcome to the most recent people to join our family:

Aaron Berman

Gregg Drinkwater

Jake Wirtschafter

Margaret Crow Rosenfeld

Jonathan Rosenfeld

Arno Rosenfeld

We are happy to see our congregation grow. It is up to all of us to help our new members feel welcome as they become active participants in our community.

Classifieds

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ARE YOU PLANNING A VACATION THIS SUMMER: Do you need a house-sitter or a petsitter or do you just want to help out CSZ's former program director who is now in Rabbinical school and wants to come back to San Francisco for the summer? My partner and I need housing between approximately June 10-August 20 in San Francisco. Contact Renee Bauer at Reneehb@aol.com or 215/731-1860 to see if we can make a deal or you have any leads.

PARKING NEEDED: If you have a garage/driveway to rent in the Upper Haight area (Downey/Clayton/Ashbury/Frederick) or you know someone with a garage/driveway in this area please call Kerri at 504-9130.

May Anniversaries

- 2 Robin Leonard and Tory Weiser
- 3 Karen Erlichman and Jana Rickerson
- 15 Lisa Feldstein and Max Drukman
- 16 Ann Bauman and Kelly Theimann
- 22 Phyllis and George Mintzer
- 24 Alison Scott and Alisa Weiner
- 25 Phyllis Battleman and Sharon Ahrens
- 29 Mark Freeman and Ken White
- 31 Ilana Bernstein and Diane Desmond

Members' Yahrzeits

- 9 Jack Jacobs
- 13 David Delroy
- 14 Thomas Yazman
- 17 Nanci Stern
- 19 Allan Altman
- 21 James Perkins
- 24 David Loeb

New to CSZ? Haven't been in a synagogue in awhile? Exploring Judaism? Whatever the reason, you may be unfamiliar with Hebrew terms commonly used at CSZ

and many other synagogues and Jewish institutions. We thus offer the following list as a guide. (Please let us know if you'd like us to add any words.)

עליה (*aliyah*) - to go up;
1) as in being invited to recite the blessings before and after the Torah is read;
2) or when one moves to Israel

עמידה (*amidah*) -
silent standing prayer

אוף רוף (*auf ruf*) -
ceremony held for a couple prior to marriage (yiddish)

ביקור חולים (*bikkur cholim*) -
visiting the ill

בימה (*bimah*) - stage;
the raised platform from which ritual leaders conduct services

בני מצבה (*b'nai mitzvah*) -
collective noun for bar (son) and bat (daughter) mitzvah (commandment)

דבר תורה (*devar torah*) -
words of Torah; commentary on the weekly Torah portion

דור ראשון (*dor risbon*) -
first generation; social group for CSZ men over 40

ערב (*erev*) - evening

גמילות חסדים (*gemilut chasadim*) - acts of loving kindness

הברלה (*havdalah*) -
ritual performed Saturday night after three stars appear in the sky marking the end of Shabbat and welcoming the new week

קבלת שבת (*kabbalat shabbat*) -
receiving or welcoming the Sabbath

קדיש (*kaddish*) -
prayer recited in memory of someone who has died

קדימה (*kadimah*) -
forward; CSZ religious school

קידוש (*kiddush*) -
blessing over wine

כיפה (*kippah*) -
head covering; yarmulke

לעתיד (*la'atid*) -
toward the future; CSZ group for young and young at heart

מעריב (*ma'ariv*) - evening prayer

מחזור (*machzor*) -
high holiday prayerbook

מזל טוב (*mazel tov*) - good luck; used to mean congratulations

מנחה (*minchah*) -
afternoon service

מנהג (*minhag*) - custom

משפחה (*mishpachah*) - family

מצבה (*mitzvah*) -
commandment; also used to refer to a good deed

מוציא (*motzi*) -
blessing over bread

מסף (*musaf*) - additional service

נחם (*naches*) - pride (yiddish)

אנג (*oneg*) - joy; the social hour following Shabbat services

עשה שלום (*oseh shalom*) -
maker of peace; song sung to end services and meetings

פרשה (*parashah*) -
weekly Torah portion (plural: *parashot*)

ראש השנה (*Rosh Hashanah*) -
literally head of the year; Jewish New Year

שער זהב (*Sha'ar Zahav*) -
Golden Gate

שבת שלום (*Shabbat Shalom*) -
Sabbath peace

שחרית (*shacharit*) -
morning prayer

שכינה (*shechinah*) -
in-dwelling presence of God; God's feminine essence

שואה (*Shoah*) - the Holocaust

סידור (*siddur*) - prayerbook

תלית (*tallit/tallis*) - prayer shawl

תיקון עולם (*tikkun olam*) -
repair of the world

תודה רבה (*todah rabah*) -
thank you very much

צדקה (*tzedakah*) -
righteous act; mitzvah of giving

ועד (*va'ad*) - board

יארצית (*yahrzeit*) -
anniversary of a death (yiddish)

יום כיפור (*yom kippur*) -
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